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1. EMBASSY NOMINATES FOR 30-DAY FY77 IV GRANTS, COVERING FIRST CLASS TRAVEL AND \$50 PER DIEM, THE FOLLOWING VENEZUELAN UNIVERSITY RECTORS FOR INDIVIDUAL TRAVEL:
A. DR. MIGUEL LAYRISSE, RECENTLY ELECTED RECTOR OF UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL DE VENEZUELA. BORN IN CARACAS IN 1919, LAYRISSE IS A GRADUATE OF UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL'S MEDICAL SCHOOL. ONE OF THE BEST KNOWN VENEZUELAN SCIENTISTS AND CONSIDERED THE TOP HEMATOLOGIST IN THE HEMISPHERE, DR. LAYRISSE HAS BEEN ACTIVE AT THE VENEZUELAN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND FROM 1972-75 WAS THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH. HE HAS PUBLISHED THREE BOOKS AND WRITTEN SOME 150 ARTICLES FOR LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL MAGAZINES. TWICE AWARDED THE JOSE GREGORIO HERNANDEZ SCIENCE PRIZE, HE HAS BEEN HONORED BY THE VENEZUELAN SOCIETY OF SURGEONS, AND RECEIVED THE HOSE MARIA VARGAS NATIONAL PRIZE FOR RESEARCH. SPEAKS ENGLISH FLUENTLY.

B. DR. ERNESTO MAYZ-VALLENILLA, RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSIDAD SIMON BOLIVAR SINCE ITS INAUGURATION IN 1970 AND ONE OF VENEZUELA'S MOST RESPECTED PHILOSPHERS. BORN IN MARACAIBO,
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1925, MAYZ-VALLENILLA HOLDS A DOCTORATE IN PHILOSOPHY FROM UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL DE VENEZUELA (1954) AND DID GRADUATE WORK IN GERMANY. PRIOR TO HIS APPOINTMENT AS RECTOR OF USB, HE TAUGHT PHILOSOPHY AT UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL AND AMONG HIS PAST POSITIONS HE WAS DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES. AUTHOR OF NUMEROUS PUBLICATIONS ON

PHILOSOPHY AND UNIVERSITY EDUCATION, HE HAS ATTENDED MANY INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES, AND IS A MEMBER OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PHILOSOPHY, THE EUROPEAN CULTURAL SOCIETY, AND THE KANT SOCIETY. HE UNDERSTANDS SOME ENGLISH; WILL REQUIRE THE SERVICES OF ESCORT-INTERPRETER.

C. OSCAR CARPIO, RECENTLY APPOINTED RECTOR OF UNIVERSIDAD METROPOLITANA, A PRIVATE UNIVERSITY. ABOUT 50 YEARS OF AGE, CARPIO IS AN ARCHITECT AND FORMER PROFESSOR AND DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE OF UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL DE VENEZUELA. HE HOLDS A MASTER'S DEGREE IN EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IN SANTA BARBARA. SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH.

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